(b) if so, the number of cases disposed of under the Fast Track Court Scheme since its inception;

(c) the details of lacunae found in the said scheme; and

(d) the reaction of Government on such criticism made by Supreme Court?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) No such adverse criticism regarding Fast Track Court Scheme has been communicated by the Supreme Court. Recently, the Supreme Court in its Order dated 8th November, 2001 in the Transfer Case (Civil) No. 22/2001, Brij Mohan Lal Vs. Union of India and Others has observed;

it will be appropriate if some guide-lines are laid down with regard to the functioning of the fast track courts.

(b) So far, the Fast Track Courts in various States have disposed of about 16,066 cases.

(c) and (d) The matter is *sub-judice* in the Supreme Court of India.

Computerisation of Registrar of Companies

1457. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "RoC (Registrar of Companies) ruckus-Computerise and let companies go online", which appeared in the Financial Express, dated the 30th October, 2001;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed for computerisation of RoC by bringing procedural efficiency and speedy service?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Steps taken by Registrar of companies (RoCs) to meet the rush of filing documents include increrase in the number of cash counters, acceptance of documents beyond the prescribed time, speedier registration of documents cutting down the procedural requirements. The Department of Company Affairs has also authorized 15 additional branches of Punjab National Bank to accept fees payable to RoC in NCT of Delhi & Haryana. Computerisation of the offices of RoCs is an on-going process. The functions of Name Approval and Receipt Counters at the offices of RoCs have already been computerized.